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Applicants: Yanase, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant hereby provides this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002. Please amend this application as set forth below. A petition for Extension of Time is also attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 without prejudice and without disclaiming any of the subject matter contained therein. A marked up version of claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 is provided in Appendix A to this Amendment.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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1. (twice amended) A gasket for a pre-filled syringe into which liquid is charged, wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, [and] wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not in contact with the liquid is formed into a tapered slant, [the tapered slant being defined by a first diameter of the gasket and a second diameter of the gasket, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 0.5 mm and about 5 mm.] and wherein one or